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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIII ACTION AGAINST FRANCE- CANNED PINEAPPLE

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1. DURING MEETING AT DREE JUNE 18, WITH MOUSSA (SUBBING FOR ABSENT JOUTARD), WE ASKED WHETHER THERE ANY INDICATION GOF PREPARED TO MAKE AN OFFER ON PINEAPPLES. SHE REPLIED THAT AFTER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MINISTRIES CONCERNED, DREE CONCLUDED THAT GOF INTENDS STAND ON POSITION STATED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MALMGREN IN WASHINGTON, I. E., THAT GOF HAS COME QUITE FAR IN EFFORT TO MEET USG DEMANDS AND IS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO MAKE ANY OFFER ON PINEAPPLES.

2. WE REMINDED MOUSSA THAT THIS STANCE LEAVES USG NO OPTION BUT TO PROCEED TO RETALIATION THROUGH THE GATT. SHE AGREED,
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POINTING OUT THAT GOF WOULD DISPUTE U. S. DAMAGE CLAIMS IF THEY
ARE ALONG LINES
PUT FORWARD IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH REP IN GENEVA LAST YEAR.

3. COMMENT: CLEARLY, DREE HAS BEEN UNABLE BUDGE MINISTRY FOR
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND TERRITORIES FROM ITS REFUSAL TO MAKE
ANY OFFER ON PINEAPPLE QUOTA. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY
BELIEVES WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY IN GATT
TO RETALIATION. WHILE THE GOF SEEMS RESIGNED TO U. S. RETALIATORY
ACTION, PERHAPS CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF OUR INTENTION TO MOVE
RAPIDLY TO A CONCLUSION OF THIS MATTER WILL CAUSE THEM TO HAVE
SECOND THOUGHTS.

DECON FOLLOWING 12/31/75.

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